

STORAGE TANK TRAINING COURSE APPROVAL

Training course approval is provided for two types of storage tank training: certified installer technical training and underground storage tank (UST) operator training.

When must a certified installer complete a training course?

The Pennsylvania Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act (Act 32 of 1989) and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations have established a certification program for installers and inspectors of aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) and USTs. The regulations (25 Pa. Code Chapter 245) require DEP-certified installer applicants to complete a DEP-approved training program when they meet one or more of the following:

- An applicant wants to obtain certification as an installer, remover, or modifier of ASTs and/or USTs;
- An applicant wants to obtain certification as an Underground Tank Tightness Tester (UTT);
- A certified individual wants to renew one or more of their certification categories instead of retaking the examination; and/or
- When DEP specifically requires a certified individual to take additional training courses.

When must a UST operator complete a training course?

All UST facilities are required to have trained Class A, Class B, and Class C operators. Class A and Class B operator training courses must be approved by DEP. Class C operators may be trained by the tank owner or by the Class A or Class B operator.

How does DEP approve training program providers?

Companies interested in providing training must request approval from DEP.

Applications for approval to conduct a training program are available through DEP's website at www.dep.pa.gov, Businesses > Land > Storage Tanks, or by contacting DEP's Storage Tank Program at 1-800-42-TANKS (in PA only) or 717-772-5599. Information explaining the application requirements accompanies the application.

A complete application for approval must include the following information:

- Name and address of the individual or company offering the training;
- Title of the course;
- Certification category(ies) covered by the course, and whether the course is appropriate for initial certification or renewal of certification;
- Name, title, affiliation, and professional background of each course instructor and a detailed outline of the course;
- A description of the subject matter to be presented, the order of presentation, and the amount of time scheduled for the presentation; and
- A narrative describing the preparation, administration, and grading of a test to be given at the conclusion of the course. The test must evaluate the participant's knowledge of the technical, administrative, and legal requirements related to the subject matter of the training course.
- Training courses for Class A and Class B UST operators must also include a copy of the complete presentation to ensure adherence to Pennsylvania regulations.

The training course should be developed using the references and content found in the study guide(s) for the applicable certification category(ies).

Does an approved training program provider need to renew approval?

Yes. DEP’s training program approval is valid for three years from the date of issuance. Providers must submit to DEP a complete renewal application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of approval. Information on renewal applications updates the original application. Renewal applications are available through DEP’s website at www.dep.pa.gov, Businesses > Land > Storage Tanks, or by contacting DEP’s Storage Tank Program at 1-800-42-TANKS (in PA only) or 717-772-5599.

For additional information on Pennsylvania’s Storage Tank Program or to obtain forms, contact:	
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<p>Central Office Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Division of Storage Tanks P.O. Box 8762 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8762 800-42-TANKS (in PA) or 717-772-5599</p>	

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov, Businesses > Land > Storage Tanks.